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THE NEWS AND OBSERVER A FALSIFIER.

To say that the News and Observer is a would-be slanderer of the State and its people, or to say that it is a fairly efficient liar, would only be to echo the sentiments and opinions of hosts of people who have, for the last year or two, thought it worth while to make any comment at all on that

We hardly think it worth the space, but now and then it may be well to show the people some evidence of their eminently correct opinion of that paper, and for that purpose alone we are giving some time and space to that most roundly contemptible journal this week.

Elsewhere we give a report of the proceedings of the Board of Trustees of the A. and M. College last week. It shows for itself. But with its usual disposition so do something little and say something mean, the News and Observer seeks to distort everything and leave false impression on anybody who may be so hare-brained and gander-headed as to have any confidence in it. Thank the Lord! we feel warranted in saying that there are mighty few, if indeed any, people of that kind in this State.

Here are some of the "choice" headlines and comments of the News and Observer on the matter:

"THE LOOTERS GET

IN THEIR WORK. "The A. and M. College Parcelled Out Among the Wreckers."

'The State has received a blow from which it will not soon recover. Its industrial development and educational advancement have been set back almost a

"This Brutus stab has come from the Governor of the State and the Trustees of the Agricultural and Mechanical Col-The latter institution has been looted and the Experiment Station destroyed to make places for political henchmen. Good men-scholars and scientists-have been displaced by incompetents and nincompoops.'

"In this nefarious work these men were backed up on one side by a lot of ignoramuses who know no law in the matter save the will of those whose tools they are; on the other side by a Governor whose only desire is to make political jobs for those upon whose backs he hopes to ride into the United States Senate."

Such base drivelling as this in the face of open fact, if it had any effect at all, aroused the contempt of everybody interested, and there was no besites expressing it. But the thunder-clap of rebuke and denunciation was from the faculty of the college itself. It is gracefully worded, but it does not require a strong vision for anybody to see that it is a statement to the effect that the News and Observer is a scurrile falsifier and that its vaporings are unworthy of confidence. Here it is as printed in the News

A CARD. To the Editor: The article in yesterday's issue of your paper making the sweeping charge that the Trustees of the Agricultural and Mechanical College had "looted" that institution is, we think, unjust to that body, unfair to us, and so far from the facts that, if uncontroverted, it must do the college great harm. While they had the power to change every officer of the institution, it so far from "parceling the college out among the wreckers," changed in the faculty proper the head of only one department, and this we are assured was done solely to effect a consolidation of the agricultural work of the college and of the Experiment Station, and thereby to save in this department about seventeen hundred dollars by assigning to one of the professors the work hitherto divided between two. The only change in the faculty was in the adjunct-professorship of mathematics, and the addition of one teacher

to the official force. While we, of course, cannot but deeply regret parting from men who have been pleasantly and closely associated with us, and whom we respect and esteem most highly, we, the undersigned members of the old faculty, feel, in justice to ourselves, to the Board of Trustees, to the institution that we have served so long, impelled to deny that it has been "looted," nor can we be expected to admit with entire good grace that "the institution has been turned over to incompetents and nincompoops.'

We assure the people of our State, and especially the friends of technical education, that there is no cause to lose confidence in the institution, nor in its competency to do the great work for which it was founded.

Respectfully, ALEXANDER Q. HOLLIDAY, President. W. F. MASSEY. Professor Horticulture and Botany.

Professor of Chemistry. D. H. HILL, Professor of English. W. C. RIDDICK,

W. A. WITHERS.

Professor Mathematics and Civil Engi-NATHANIEL R. CRAIGHILL.

Professor Mechanical Engineering. J. C. GRESHAM. Captain Seventh Calvary, Professor of Military Science and Tactics.

-The Caucasian,

WE JOIN THE URGERS.

The Colored American, in its issue of last week, says: "The colored citizens of the District are urging Speaker Thos. B. Reed, by petition, to appoint Hon. Geo. H. White, of North Carolina, a member of the District Committee. Since the colored people of the District constitute about one-third of the population and have no voice whatever in the affairs here, it is but just and right that Mr. White be appointed. Our intelligence, our wealth and our number entitle us to this small recognition, and we have faith in Mr. Reed. Mr. White is the choice of

Reed's opportunity.' The request is a just one, and as Congressman White will fill the bill in all respects, we earnestly urge his appointment and hope that Speaker Reed may heed the request of his petitioners,

ITS FOOLISHNESS FROM A BUSI-

NESS STANDPOINT. Aside from the low and inexpressibly contemptible purpose of the News and Observer to misrepresent the work of the Board of Trustees of the A. and M. College, the News and Observer acted the fool from a purely business standpoint. That journal gets much of its support from the city of Raleigh-why, God only knowsand the commonest sort of decency ought to prevent it from attempting to injure anything or any institution that inures to the benefit of the town. No respectable journal published anywhere can find any pleasure in seeking to send out such reports as would, if believed, prejudice the public against the town in which it is published. It would, in case of necessity, regret to publish any actual misfortune and would make a royal fight on any journal that would cast slurs upon it. If we have the figures right, and we think we have, the amount of money re-

ceived by the Agricultural College and the Experiment Station from the State and National governments is about \$55,-000. Most, if not all of this money is paid out right here in our midst for the conduct of the college and station, and those who receive it naturally sgend it in the channels of trade. There were two hundred and forty-seven students enrolled during the past year and more than two hundred in constant attendance. Now let us suppose that each of these students spent an average of five dollars per month each—a very low estimate. This would make \$1,000 per month and for the nine months of the school year would make \$9,000, a total expenditure and circula

tion of at least \$64,000 per year from this institution alone. This is worth something in the way of business, to say nothing of other things. And yet, if the scurrile News and Observer can have its statements accepted, the college has been "wrecked," "looted, 'parceled out" as spoils and made unfit for anybody to come to. It is a thing to be shunned and anybody would simply be disgraced by attending it. Gadzooks! what patience the business men of the town must have to endure such vicious and would-be obstructive business policy as this!! Not that it is going to be the least effective, for not a man in the State will believe what the News and Observer has said about it-but just think of the unutterable foolishness and meanness of even saying such things. Great Scott! No wonder the people are disgusted beyond expression.—The Caucasian.

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR ADDITION AL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. That whenever as many as twelve electors of any county (one-half of whom shall be freeholders) shall make an affidavit before the Clerk of the Su- any teacher in the Association who had perior Court of the County, that they not a proper conception of school govhave carefully examined into the business affairs of the County Commissioners | since hearing President Meserve. elected by the people, and they have asing incompetent, have unlawfully and wilfully mismanaged the business affairs of the county; or have unlawfully and corruptly misappropriated or caused to part of the funds of the county-then, upon filing such affidavit with the Judge of the District, or the Judge presiding therein, it shall be the duty of such Judge to issue a citation to said Board of Commissioners requiring them to appear bedays' notice thereof, stating the particular act or acts constituting the breach of duty complained of, which shall be fully set forth in said affidavit, and answer the charges therein made

Sec. 2. That if such Judge shall be satisfied, after hearing the charges, answers, be his duty to appoint two honest and discreet electors and citizens of said county, who shall be of a political party different from that of a majority of the said Board of Commissioners, who shall, from their appointment and qualification by taking the oath required for County Commissioners, be members of said Board of Commissioners in every respect as qualification of their successors of said Board of County Commissioners.

laws in conflict with this act are hereby

Sec. 4. That this act shall be in force from after its ratification. time and ratified this 8th day of March,

North Carolina's Teachers' Association. This grand and auspicious meeting asembled in the city of Raleigh the 15th instant, and was called to order by the president, Prof. A. B. Vincent, who, by his tireless efforts and ceaseless energy, and also push of the secretary, brought together the largest and most intelligent in the history of the convention. The welcome address by Mr. Meserve, President of Shaw University, was a charm; also those of Profs. Hawkins, Capehart, | people. Pearson, Hon. James H. Young and Mrs.

Wednesday morning, the 16th, the President delivered before the Assomost excellent production, giving the history of education, its purpose, and what must be the inevitable result of those who neglect this great force. Great stress was placed by the speaker upon moral, physical and intellectual education, and a general outline of policy to be pursued by the Association was given by him. The address was evidently a gem of rich thought, and its style of delivery and diction was also charming, and filled our souls with new aspirations, new thoughts, and new anxieties. It was the conceded opinion of many that the address was far in advance of anything

of the kind yet had. Geography, by Logan D. Howell, Superintendent of the Raleigh Graded Schools, was interesting to the Association. The easy and practical way in which he presented the subject captivated the Association. Many thanks are due Professor

Howell for his excellent work. Prof. Vick, of Wilson, with those who followed him, did themselves great credit upon the discussion: How can the Association be made more effective for the best interest of Negro education? The address by Mr. J. W. Bailey upon

North Carolina's needs was a fine one. and we are sorry it could not be heard by all the people in the State. Dr. McIver's address reached the climax and put on the capstone. It set plainly before the Association public education, and told it that the State must

educate both races or neither. Primary Arithmetic, by Prof. D. P. Allen, of the Whiten Normal School at Lumberton, was preented on a high plane. His presentation of the method was much spoken of, and many were heard to say that Prof. Allen "knows how to get there every time." Many said they thought Prof. Allen is one of our finest

teachers The subject of Reading. by Prof. C. N. Hunter, and his teacher Miss Mary Love on the 13th—15th of July. It is anticiwith their class, was a subject of interest, pated that this will be one of the grandthe colored people. This is Speaker and every teacher would do well to adopt their practical way of teaching reading. Dr. Scrugg's lecture on School Sanitation was out of sight—it was so good and yet so practical. It gave such whole-some advice to the Association with reference to keeping good health. Certainly

much credit is due Dr. Scruggs for the masterly way in which he handled his

Manual Training and Drawing, by Prof. Pearson, of Durham Graded Schools, was also a work of merit, and the work of his pupils, which he put out in the Association, was sure test of his fitness to execute that part of the program assigned

The conference of presidents of high schools, academies and colleges, over which Rev. A. B. Hunter presided, did some very effective work, which no doubt will result in great good to our institutions and be of much benefit to educa-

tion in the State. The discussion: How can our pupils be made more efficient in English? in which Prof. J. W. Byrd, Principal of the Smithfield Preparatory School, was leader, was well presented. Prof. Byrd did not read a paper on the subject, but, after making a few brief remarks touching the proper teaching of English in the most effective and progressive way, proceeded to give his method of teaching beginners in English by black-board illustrations, and his easy, progressive and attractive way of presenting the subject of English to his pupils shows him to be-at once a teach of power, possessing no mean attainments and thoroughly conversant with the subject in hand. The Association was much impressed with the method Prof. Byrd gave as the first essential true fitness on the part of the teacher; second, he must properly instruct and correct the mistakes of his pupils in the

Prof. Byrd was followed on this subject by Prof. Wilson, of Kittrell Institute. and Prof. Hagans, of Goldsboro. These gentlemen read able and scholarly productions on this subject, and to more thoroughly convince you of their depth of research, comprehensive thought, you have but to think of these gentlemen.

The paper upon the Classics, by Prof. Crittenden, of St. Augustine School, was a rare treat to the Association, and showed unusual ability, deep research, broadness of mind, a deep and comprehensive knowledge of the classics and how they may be profitably utilized by the educator. The paper by Rev. O. Faduma on "How

to cultivate a love for reading," was a

masterpiece on that subject. Everybody,

especially teachers, should have heard this paper. Rev. Faduma is a gentleman of broad culture and large experience. Kindergarten, by Mrs. A. B. Hunter, of St. Augustine, was excellent, and though her little pupils being in a strange place, surrounded on all sides by strange faces, yet great skill and development might be observed. Mrs. Hunter deserves very much credit for her work, and it shows

further, that she knows what to do with little folks in the school-room. School Government, by Mr. Meserve, President of Shaw University, was practical and to the point, and if there was ernment, certainly he cannot say so now

The annual concert was surely up tocertained that the Board of Commission- date in every feature. The recitations ers have unlawfully and wilfully, or be- showed thoroughness of preparation and the music was charming to the ear. The paper and remarks on the subject:

'How early and to what extent should the study of literature be introduced into be misappropriated, or misapplied any our schools?" by Prof. Tucker, of Albion Academy, was not wanting in excellence, and it might be seen at once that he was master of the work before him. Prof. P. W. Moore, Principal of the

State Normal School, Elizabeth City, made impromptu remarks on the same fore him at such time and place as he subject, which were very good and showmay name, after having given them ten | ed him to be a teacher keeping abreast with the times, and that he is not easily left in the literary field. Civil Government, by Prof. E. A. John

son, was skilfully and profoundly handled and the discussion of the subject of him did credit to this able representative of the race, and evidences the fact that the made as aforesaid are true, then it shall is not misapplied. The election of officers produced a lit-

tle storm, but the hurricane passed over and there was a great calm. Sunday morning the teachers attended Sunday-school and church at different churches in the city.

At four o'clock the Association assembled in the University Chapel to hear the annual sermon preached by Rev. C. C. fully as if elected by the people, and shall summerville. The sermon was a soul-continue in office until the election and stirring one and highly delighted the Association. The music on the occasion was also excellent, showing culture and Sec. 3. That all laws and clauses of refinement. Text: "Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun," etc.

Permit me to say that Profs. A. B. Vincent and A. J. Griffin are entitled to the most profound gratitude from the teach-In the General Assembly read three ers and friends of education in North Carolina, because we believe more practical good has been accomplished in this Association for the teachers than ever before. It was said by those able to judge, than the plan and policy of the Association showed more constructive ability than that of any previous session. and the character of the work done by it was of more practical value to the teachers than anything yet had. May Professors Vincent and Griffin ever be remembered by the teachers and friends of edugathering of teachers and educators yet | cation for the advanced steps as long as good thoughts and noble deeds are remembered, and have a sacred place in the hearts of a loyal and generous hearted

Permit me to say, that my feeble pen is unable to give a full description of this grand and intelligent body of educators, and of the intelligent and impartial manciation his annual address, which was a ner in which it was presided over by its worthy president, Prof. A. B. Vincent. A TEACHER.

I Wonder.

"Why people will wonder why the Negro does not go into business when he has nothing to go into business on."

NEWBERN, N. C., June 22, 1897. Editor Gazette:-The above appeared in the Colored American's last issue. By your permission I will give the young man some light on the subject-since I started and commenced business on ten

A brainy man does not need any money to start business on. His needed capital is a brainy head, a pair of willing hands, and an honest heart; that young man who is possessed with these prerequisites has a capital to open up business on, for the Bank of England is behind him.

Call for Parents' Conference.

ISAAC H. SMITH.

A Parents' Conference will be held in aleigh, N. C., on Ju Blount Street Baptist Church. Beloved Blount Street Baptist Church. Beloved chew and smoke up their wages. Strong pastors, fathers and mothers, and all who drink, it destroys the tender feelings that ers, then as a further token of esteem the are interested in making home happy, are invited to come. Remember that this Conference is for all denominations and

Every human heart should be interested in whatever tends to make home the best, the purest and the happiest spot on MRS. ALICE PATTERSON, earth. MRS. C. H. KING. President.

Secretary. Notice.

ROCKY MOUNT, N. C., June 26, '97. The New Era Institute will hold an institute at Harrellsville, Hertford county, est meetings we have held. The lectures will all be given under the plan for the fourth session. Blackboard synopsis is a special feature. Dr. Pegues and Rev. C. S. Brown have been invited to lecture.

C. C. SOMERVILLE, District Missionary.

Paper Read by Mrs. Charles M. Eppes, of Tarboro Graded Schools, Before the N. C. State Teachers' Association -Subject: How Can the Association be Made More Effective for the Best Interests of the Negro Education?

This is a matter well worth our deep thought and careful consideration. It touches the very life of our progress. One of the best methods that presents itself to our mind is unity of aim and purpose. The constituents of this Association must be a unit to be effective. In union there is strength. If ever there was a time and place where union was needed, now is the time and this is the place. Every consecrated negro educator from Cherokee to Currituck must be united in their efforts to sustain each other in the noble work of character building, for that is what education means. Each of the other professions have their associations, and they are effective, possibly more so than ours is, for the evident reason that they are more united. To make this Association more effective we must be more united, more unselfish, more loyal to each other and the cause we represent. The poor overworked, underpaid negro public school teachers are, perhaps, the most abused persons in the community. They are the prey of the human vulture that produces nothing himself, but lives upon what God and human ingenuity have produced. Nothing seems to fatten on anything of a disparaging nature which may be said of the teacher. And, strange to say, this animal appears to be indigenous to any soil and any community. But he cannot materially harm the person nor the cause if we are really associated. Let the Association mean a oneness of purpose, and it will follow the dawn as the dark, that effective ends will result.

How can this unity be consummated? Start out on a new scale. Let the Association select one person, who shall be empowered to organize county Associations, and thus carry to county teachers the inspiration of the progressive teachers of North Carolina. The time has come when this organization should get statistics from the counties through regular accredited delegates. It would be an inspiration to higher and nobler endeavors could we know the number of pupils annually attending our universities and normal schools from the different coun-

Organize the district teachers and urge them to meet the State gatherings. In this you will prevent a few from controlling the affairs of the Association. If results are to be effective, we must go to the teachers of the State and get their sympathy and material aid.

Give us the facts that bring to us success in the work of training the children of the State and directing them to loftier

ideas and aims. In conclusion, let me say that this unification in school work might well be kept up by not allowing denominational and political influence to warp our citizenship along educational lines. There these enter to dominate our public schools.

A blighting frost has recently passed over the State in some sections in the selection of the enemies of local taxation as well as the enemies of negro education to man our public school system. Organize, not simply to send some ambitious soul to the front, but rather to make the world better. Unite to pluck up a thorn and plant a rose whenever you can. Unite to lift the masses out of the slough of despair and inaction to a nobler life, a higher aim. Unite to enthrone the Hero of Calvary in the hearts and lives of coming ages-then will the millenium dawn on the effects of this Association.

Beware!

DEAR EDITOR OF THE GAZETTE:-Allow ne space the celumas of your paper to say a word on the title or heading above. When one in traveling sees the word Beware!" We immediately wishes to know what is to be noticed or what is

the danger. Beware of imitations, beware of frauds, beware of bad company; worst of all, beware of the wine-glass, beware of intoxicating liquors. That great evil that is destroying both

soul and body of men. "Wine is a mocker and strong drink is raging, and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.' In olden times when there came a famine or pestilence or a great wind destroying the property or lives of the people, it

was thought to be the work of a great dragon and men would arm themselves and go out in search of him. Yearly this was looked for and millions of dollars worth of property and thousands of lives were destroyed. To-day there is a great evil in the land and it is destroying the lives and property

of our countrymen, the most persistent, the most overpowering enemy of the working classes is intoxicating liquor. "It biteth like an adder and stingeth like a serpent." It is the anarchist of the centuries and

has boycotted and is boycotting the body, mind and soul of men and American la-It is annually swindling industry out of a part of its earnings. It holds out its

flaming invitations to men of all trades on their way to work, and at noon and on his way home at eventide; and, when Saturday or pay day comes, it snatches a large part of the wages that might do his family good, and sacrifices it among the saloon-keepers.

Where are the billions and billions of dollars that has been paid to the working | cellent and well rendered. classes? One billion, say, gone for house rent, etc., the others gone or wasted at the gambling table, wasted in intoxicating liquors. Look at the hundreds and thousands of men that intoxicating liquors is pouring its vitriolic and damnable iquid down the throats of men while they are stiking daily for higher wages.

There should be a universal strike that if kept up would be the relief of the working classes, and would be the saving of the souls of men. Our county spends a year \$1,500,050,000

Oh, workingman, think of the wages thrown away for whiskey, and think that instead having to depend on your labor, you might be independent.

Young men, leave off this evil, when preparing for a ball or are to entertain your lady friends, and depend on your manly vigor to carry you and assist youall of this bringing you to want and poverty and shame, and will at the end | The speech was well received and apcause you to fill a drunkard's grave. There are those people that are kept in poverty, because of their own fault. They remarks Miss Olivia Bryant presented

a man has for his family, it takes away his care for himself, self-respect is gone, part of his nature is destroyed, but he cannot help it, he cannot stop.

The Philistines have bound him hand and foot and shorn his locks, and have put out his eyes, and are making him grind in the mill of great horror. Oh, it's a sad thing to feel and know that he is a

captive to this evil. Oh, how many homes have been broken up by this evil? No owe but God Lastly, now the unfortunate does not only suffer the loss of property, but an

eternal loss of the soul; if we are not forgiven here, in the world to come our bad nity. Where is the rum to come from?

rum!" And it would wake up the echoes of the damned "Look not upon the wine when it is

red, when it moveth itself aright in the

Oh, that the world and the Christian army would arm themselves to fight against this destroyer of body, mind and soul of men.

Oh, beware of the day of judgment and wrath, when the books shall be opened and all the drunkards come up to hear their doom

Father, teach your boy to leave it off. to abstain from this dangerous habit of drink.

And may the day hasten on, when men will begin to reform. Think of the destruction of this evil, and look at the souls that it is carrying captive to death and destruction, and you would kneel down and pray to God to wipe this evil

from the land. Yours for Christ and the cause of Tem-

C. C. MCINTIRE. The sixteenth annual session of the State Teachers' Association, just closed at Shaw University, was without question the best and most profitable session yet held in all its history. The large number of talented and versatile body of the best teachers, the high order of conducting the deliberations, the numerous subjects presented by experts, and the many practical class exercises in fundamental principles, make this a memorable session, and settles the question of ability to accomplish anything attempted by the intelligent, conscientious and courageous manhood and womanhood of which North Carolina stands in the forefront of all States. The broad constructive ability of this year's administration, the work covered by the various committees, from school sanitation, summer Normal up to College work, evidenced a new era in the educational work of the State for the future. There was a conspicuous absence of the noisy clap-trap politician, who has disturbed the previous sessions from time

It may be that this disturbing element will henceforth take up headquarters in the "Lighting-bug Convention," as the North Carolina Colored Teachers' Association has become too enlightened for a display of such tactics. A summer school, a college bureau of information and sta tistics, a campaign committee on local taxation, a trustee board of summer normal are some of the new things originated by the Association. The executive committee of the Association are Hon. J. C. Dancy, Profs. G. E. Davis, A. J. Griffin, C. S. Brown, L. E. Fairly, S. H. Vick, H. H. Falkner. Committee on Local Taxation for the forthcoming August election: Profs. N. C. Bruce, J. R. Har kins, J. C. Dancy, W. B. Crittenden, A. G. Davis, A. B. Vincent, Rev. R. H. W. Leak, Mr. Epps, Dr. E. E. Smith, C. N. Hunter, Dr. A. W. Pegues. Trustees of Summer School: Profs. C. G. O'Kelly, A. B. Vincent, Hon. J. C. Dancy, P. W. Moore, G. C. Shaw, J. D. Chavis, Mrs. C. S. Brown, Miss Cora Person. These are never can be any real progress so long as some of the important measures brought

into existence. Those who were active and influential in the leadership not only of the Association, but among the people everywhere were, the President, A. B. Vincent, Hon. J. C. Dancy, J. R. Harkins, J. A. Whitted, Dr. N. F. Roberts, A. Griffin; Secretary N. C. Bruce, C. G. O'Kelly, R. H. W. Leak, A. W. Pegues, W. G. Pearson, Prof. Wilson of Kittrell, T. O. Fuller, Hon. E. E. Smith, Mrs. E. E. Smith, L. Fairly, A. J. Davis, P. W. Moore, J. A. Savage, L. B. Capehart, C. N. Hunter, P. F. Maloy, C. C. Somerville, C. S. Brown, I. W. Holden, J. P. Williams, Profs. Butler and Williams and H. H. Falkner of Greensboro, Mrs. S. S. Atkins and Profs. Atkins and Crittenden, H. E. Hogans, Rev. O. Faduma, Mrs. C. S. Brown, Miss Cora Pearson, Miss Ruffin; Assistant Secretary: Mrs. C. M. Enps. Mrs. G. C. Shaw, sees Truemore, Robert E. Fitzgerald of Durbam, Misses Barber and Clarrisia Williams of Wilson, the Miss Loves, Up perman and Mrs. Branch of Raleign, Prof. J. W. Byrd of Smithfield, Misses Lewis of Tarboro and Oxford, Prof. D. P. Allen of Lumberton, Mrs. Fitts of Winston and others. A TEACHER.

For the Gazette. SMITHFIELD, N. C., June 14, 1897. The commencement exercises of the Columbian High School at this place, taught by Mr. W. G. Sanders, were very

creditable Last Friday morning, the 11th inst., the exercises were opened for examination of the different branches of study and proved very satisfactory.

At 1 o'clock p. m. the principal en-joyed dinner at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Brown. At 3 o'clock p. m. a vast crowd of spectators, white and colored, assembled at the base-ball ground to witness the match game of ball between Wilson and

Smithfield. The game was very interesting and hotly contested. Smithfield won by a narrow margin. At night the church was filled to overflowing to witness the closing exercises. The proficiency of the examination exercises in the day and the high order of the speeches and declamations at night,

showed that the teacher had been very faithful in the discharge of his duties, and deserves the confidence of the community as a competent instructor. The salutatory by Miss Eliza B. Wood, was gracefully spoken and received ap-

The solos, by Miss Lillie B. Smith and Miss Sarah Sanders, were considered ex-Master Charles W. Smith delivered an oration and was highly complimented.

The declamations by the small children manners and deportment on the rostrum elicited the highest praise.

The duets and dialogues were of the highest order of excellence. Miss Olivia O. Bryant delivered the valedictory. It was a very commendable effort and received a round of ap-

At the conclusion of the reading of the valedictory Mr. E. R. Whitley came to the front and in very appropriate remarks introduced Mr. J. M. Beckwith, who delivered the annual address. Mr. Beckwith was greeted with great applause. In the course of his remarks he paid an elequent tribute to the courage of the Negro on the field of battle when his country called him to duty, and of loyalty and patriotism in times of peace.

At the conclusion of Mr. Beckwith's juvenile class marched up in line and each presented him a beautiful bouquet. The exercises were closed with a grand

march in which the young ladies of the town participated. Miss Geneva L. Beckwith presided at

the organ. There were many visitors from Wilson to witness the closing exercises. Mrs. Joseph Scott and daughter, from Goldsboro, was also present.

AN EYE-WITNESS.

Mrs. Rosa Caldwell, the aunt of Mr. John H. Rhodes, died at his residence in passions and appetites will go along with a long illness. She was a lady of many us and make our torment there in eter. rare virtues and was beloved by all who knew her. In her death St. Paul Church, Oh, if a fiend could come to earth and of which she was a member, loses a faithcarry back on the tips of its wings, one drop of rum and let it touch the tongue of one of the lost, he would spring to his feet. And cry, "That is rum! that is and sympathy for the bereaved.

The land zealous worker. Her funeral was preached by Rev. R. H. W. Leak at the Christian Church. Peace to her ashes and sympathy for the bereaved.

Commencement Exercises of Livingstone College --- A. M. and College -- Kittrell Institute---- Shiloh Institute---- Wake Baptist Missionary Union -- Decoration Day at Salisbury, N. C.

This has well been called the literary age. Men (and we mean mankind) everywhere, North and South, East and West, are catching the spirit of the age, and with hearts inflamed with ambition and a determination to know more about the things which surround them, thereby beconting more like God Himself, they are marching onward, hand in hand, removing impediments discovering and prose-

cuting new enterprises. The idea that a man succeeds in life by being identified with a certain race of people, is very fast sinking into oblivion.

The Universities, Colleges and Seminaries, which have been provided for the young men and young women of the colored race, have done their work so efficiently until it does not take an eye of great faith to realize that the colored young men and women will compare favorable with those of any race. The results of such institutions justify the statement that man succeeds in the world, by industry, intelligence and fintergity.

It has been our pleasure to attend an oratorical prize contest. The contestants were Misses Laura Mc-Bee, Helen Thompson, Ida Houston, Gracie Gilliam, Mattie Lofton and Emma Williams, Miss Helen Thompson won the first prize and Miss Emma Williams

received the second prize. Rev. R. S. Rives, D. D., delivered a very able address before the Union. Among the many good and wise things said by Dr. Rives, were: "Women have been the mothers of all great institutions." He also said that the American women has gone ahead of her sisters in other parts of the world, and that he thought the women could do the country far more good at the cradle and around the fireside at home, preparing the minds of the boys and girls for the duties and responsibilities, which they must meet as cicizens of their grand country of ours, than they

could at the ballot-box. To much cannot be said in the way of commendation of the Woman's Christain Temperance Union, which is doing such a great work in our country to destroy forever the Demon, the Deceiver, the great Enemy of right and Morality-

Strong drink. A. AND M. COLLEGE, GREENSBORO, N. C. Commencement exercises took place May 23-27. Bishop Hood preached the annual sermon and Rev. E. J. Gregg de-

livered the annual address. Rev. P. P. Claxton, A. M., addressed the Y. M. C. A., on Monday p. m., May The Y. M. C. A., like Y.W. C. T. U., is

destined to do a great work in the salvation of the young people of our country. We were present, Tuesday night, May 25th, the programme for the evening was a Declamation and Recitation Prize Con-There were twelve contestants. It was

trated very clearly that there were great powers hidden in the young men and women, which needs only to be revealed by worthy, energetic and able teachers. The A. and M. College is to be commended for its very excellent music. One who sits and listens to it, may at times imagine himself in the "far beyond" enjoying the music of that beautiful region with its inhabitants all immortal. Mr. P. E. Robinson, of Raleigh, N. C.

and Miss H. H. Short, of Greensboro, N. C., are especially commended for the excellent manner in which they rendered music during the commencement. While we were in town, Prof. J. D. Chavis, Messrs. H. H. Graham and J.W. Emerson and Rev. S. H. Weatherspoon

gave us cash renewals. Mr. E. W. Hatchett is doing a first-class tailor business at the Piedmont House, 360 South Elm street, Prof. W. O. Spaulding is conducting a fine art studio in Greensboro. His work is giving satisfactiou. It shows that he

has an excellent talent. KITTRELL INSTITUTE, KITTRELL, N. C.

We were just a few minutes too late for the commencement exercises of the Institute. But, as Mr. Geo. Taylor, the exa victory in August. Our citizen clerk in the GAZETTE office, had been at-Graded School districts should tending the Institute, we asked him to reour people in the country district port the exercises to our paper.

However, we were made to feel pretty good by receiving some money for the GAZETTE from Prof. J. R. Hawkins and Mr. J. H. Thorp. Mr. Thorp is a strong candidate for the Kittrell postoffice. He has our best wishes for success. We also had the pleasure of a warm

hand shake with the following distinguished divines: Revs. J. C. Barham, J. W. Telfair, J. S. Deary, G. W. Pearson, C. R. Sanders, P. W. Wortham, P. J. Jordan, W. H. Capehart, C. H. King, J. B. McGee, E. Hearse, A. Strong and R. H. Kittrell Institute is somewhat ahead of

that it has a nice brass band, which renders splendid music. SHILOH INSTITUTE, WARRENTON, N. C. Commencement exercises, May 27-28: The exercises, in every way, were very

the surrounding institutions insomuch

good-such as reflect much credit upon the teachers and the institution. Mr. Julius Watson, a former student was present, and spoke some very encouraging words, concerning the school. Mr. J. A. Levister, of Wake Forest, N. C., was present also during the commencement exercises. On the night of the 28th, he made a short but instructive and scholarly speech, which was enjoyed and appreciated by all who had the pleasure of listening to it. Misses Lula N. and Cora were applauded to the highest. Their Thornton, who have been attending school at Hartshorn Memorial College, Richmond, Virginia, arrived home time enough to take in the commencement of

Mr. W. J. Pritchard runs a jewelryshop on the Main street in Warrenton. Mr. Pritchard is the only colored jeweler in town, and one of the few in the State. Messrs, Joseph Somerville, R. H. Alexander, John Branch, C. D. Curtis, J. A. Johnson, Miss Mary J. Ward and Rev. Isaac Alston placed some cash in our bands for the GAZETTE, while Miss India A. Faulkner, Mrs. Fannie A. Davis, Rev. M. I. Somerville, Messrs. Taylor Perry, J. E. Harris, R, L. Stanback, Joe R. Davis address by a rising vote of appreciation and Ned Kearney, Jr., gave us their sub- and singing one verse of "There shall be

THE WAKE BAPTIST MISSIONARY UNION. The union met at St. Matthew's church May 29-30. The meeting was well attending subjects were discussed during the

Rev. H. Pair, the pastor of the church delivered the welcome address, and Rev. J. J. Worlds preached the missionary sermon. Bro. Ornal Flemming presided in his usual grace and dignity.

While we were there, we were requested to place the names of Messrs. B. F. Hopkins and T. S. Stokes, among those of our subscribers. DECORATION DAY AT SALISBURY, N. C.,

MAY 31. It is reported that more people go to Salisbury on Decoration day than to any other place in the State on similar occa-

Salisbury was thronged with thousands this city on last Tnursday morning after of people on Monday, May 31st. There were three large excursions in town, one from Statesville, N. C., and one from Greensboro and another from Charlotte, N. C. Each excursion had a brass band. The bands furnished music for the occa-

The procession marched to the National cemetery and, after some patriotic speech-

es, the people proceeded to the court-After devotional exercises Lawyer Henderson, the president of the day, intro-

duced Mr. Claudus Dockery, who delivered the annual address in a very able man-Hon. J. C. Dancy conducted the col-

'The muffled drum's sad roll has beat, The soldier's last lattoo. No more on life's parade shall meet, That brave and fallen few.

"On fame's eternal camping ground Their silent tents are spread And glory guards with solemn rounds The bivouac of the dead."

Prof. E. Moore and Mr. G. A. Bingham gave us some cash. We were also pleased to meet Mrs. J. C. Dancy, who desired that we should call to spend some time with Hon. Dancy and herself, but, as our stay in Salisbury, was so short, we did not have the pleasure of doing so.

The citizens are very glad to have the Hon. J. C. Dancy with them again, after a pleasant visit North. J. D. PAIR.

Eastern Snap Shots and Association Echoes.

Well! the teachers who attended the association at Raleigh last week are loud in their praise of President Meserve, of Shaw University, and the citizens of Raleigh, for the efforts put forth for the entertainment of the teachers. Rev. C. C. Somerville preached a spiritual sermon at St. Paul M. B. Church

last Sabbath. He preached a very able

Fertilizer Inspector Young's office and

While in Raleigh last week we visited

sermon last week at the Association.

the Governor's office, and we are pleased to note the fact that Private Secretary Alexander is the right man in the right In the Association report last' week some names were left out in naming the Executive Committee. It was because we were not close to the Secretary's books. This writer does not belong to the hide-bound crowd. We will do even

we do or not. We are not conceitad either. Do you hear? Young man, if you would win in the battle of life the efforts put forth must be your own, the "stand still" amounts to little. You must face the criticisms of the world at once and win your own laurels, trusting in God and doing the

justice to any one, whether he thinks as

The success of the North Carolina State Teachers' Association was due in a very large measure to Prof. A. B. Vincent, Institute Conductor, aided by Prof. A. J. Griffin, whose affability won him many friends. The president did excellent service by making the members feel that they were to run the Association. Miss Lucy W. Cooper, of Windsor, N.

and push she stands in the front rank of our progressive ladies. Rev. Sutton, P. E. of the Washington not announced who the victorious ones district, passed through Goldsboro last Monday en route for Henderson, Dr. E. E. Smith passed Rocky Mount on Saturday last en route for Warrenton where he was to preach on Sunday

C., is still moving ahead, and with pluck

on Tuesday he is to be in Raleigh tend the "Campaign Committee, "Local Taxation" should be the wruch word from now on to the 10th of August, Victory should be perched on the band of our public school system. No comed man can fail to support this important question. Denominational and political conditions should not for one moment b

entertained. Mr. C. M. Eppes is on the sick list. Prof. Wm. F. Fonville has been electe assistant principal to Dr. E. E. Smith for the State Normal at Goldsboro. Mrs. George H. White and hu visited Baltimore on the 26th and mington, Delaware, on the 28th. Rev. R. H. W. Leak rather had be of our young ladies and men in a place on Sabbath morning during Association. They were wondering they should say, if called upon, Barlow acquitted himself well. The "narrow contracted" alway to find the omissions of their felle It's to be hoped that the me women who are in earnest about advancement should be up and de

The day has come when one u for the present and live for the fi President J. B. Dudley, of the has been on the sick list, but valescent. Congressman G. H. White prese Princeville Graded and the St. E. Parochial schools, through th cipals, Mr. John C. Jones and Re Perry, with a very large map of the

States, showing the physical as

the political features of the same ESSE QUAM VII REIDSVILLE, N. DEAR GAZETTE: For the last month a half the members and congregation the Baptist church here have been themselves in the right way. We have that will compare with any colored parsonage in the State. Though the people are getting but very little for their labor nere, yet at the same time they saw that this house was needed to be built, so they gave their money freely. In the time we have been building nearly \$300 has been raised. The pastor and family moved in the parsonage last week, and they like

their new home very well indeed. After

a grand rally in the Sunday-school of

\$45 last Sunday, the pastor baptized four happy souls. The work in church and Sunday-school is very fine. Yours, in the work of the Lord, GEO. W. MOORE.

JACKSONVILLE, N. C., June 15. WHEREAS, the Rev. C. C. Somerville, of Rocky Mount, N. C., the Baptist District Missionary Minister on Home and Foreign Missions, having lectured on the subject of Home and Foreign Missions in our town, and having made such an impression, concerning the rural districts of Africa being in such a deplorable condi-

tion; it is therefore Resolved, We tender to him our congratulation and high appreciation of his Showers of Blessisng. MRS. N. N. HUMPHREY.

PROF. M. B. COVINGTON, PROF. N. N. HUMPHREY, Committee on Resolutions. A TLANTIC AND NORTH CAROLINA RAILROAD TIME TABLE.

IN EFFECT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18, GOING EAST. GOING WEST Pas'ng'r Dally Ex. Sunday. Pas'ng'r Daily Ex. Sunday. STATIONS. Arrive Leave. Arrive Leave. A. M. A. M. Kinston ... Newbern Morehead City Train 4 connects with Wilmington & Welden train bound North, leaving Goldsboro at il:35 a.m., and with Richmond and Danville train West, leaving Goldsboro at 2 p. m., and with Wilmington, Newbern and Noriols at Newbern for Wilmington and Intermediate points.

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Train 3 connects with Richmond and Danville train, arriving at Goldsboro 3 p. m., and with Wilmington and Weldon train from the North at 3:05 p. m.

No. 1 train also connects with Wilmington Newbern and Norfolk for Wilmington and intermediate points,

Supersystems